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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
John C. Harvey and James W. Cuddihy : Examiner:  
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For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

- 1 2. A method for verifying whether specific space is available for the storage of  
2 units of television or radio programming at a television or radio programming storage  
3 station, said storage station comprising a storage device capable of storing television or  
4 radio programming; and a processor, controller, or computer for controlling said  
5 storage device to receive or store television or radio programming, said method  
6 comprising the steps of:

all  
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